

# City Strategic Plan - Draft Theme Statements

*Provide your input on draft theme statements for the FY 2017-2022 City Strategic Plan*

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### Responses

Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.

Answered 43

Skipped 16

2020 2022 achieve actionable agree alexandria all buildings clean  
community energy environment environmental existing  
facilities from goals health healthy include issues its more natural  
need needs new opportunities own plan quality s strategic  
sustainability sustainable theme tree vision water which

Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.

Answered 33

Skipped 26

-- agree alexandria all architecture built canopy  
complementary do don feel from get good growth history identity  
its level measure people plan rather s small so someone something  
success t than think town tree unique us vibrant want  
waterfront what

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Answered 35

Skipped 24

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- **agree** alexandria also **community** council decisions  
do focused get **government** inclusion its **life** like long-term  
managed management manager much other people property **quality**  
reflective **resident residents s** seems **so** staff **sustainable**  
term **too** up **vision** voice **well what** who

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- -- **2022** activities after **agree** alexandria all also **basic best**  
childcare **children** development education etc given good important  
**learning** like met money **more need needs** one options provide  
recommend **s school schools t** than theme they thrive what  
**youth**

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Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.

Answered 31

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- **2022** affordable again **agree alexandria all** caring  
**community** do **engaged enough** fact few find great **housing idea** just

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like live major **more only** overarching people **provide** really  
**residents s statement** strategic **sustainability** than theme they  
those vision want **who**

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Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.

Answered 37

Skipped 22

2022 **access** adding agree alexandria all also around broadband  
comcast community **connected** easy free get goals high  
improve internet like metro **mobile more** need needs parking  
**public** residents **s safe** service some **supports t think through**  
time too traffic **transportation**

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Answered 35

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- 2022 activity agree agreed **alexandria** around big  
**business** businesses center centers **community**  
**development diverse economic** economically  
economy friendly help hope hubs innovation its just **king need one**  
please residents **resilient S small** stores street t thriving transit true

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vibrant

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2022 agree alexandria all although change climate  
crime data do does end feel from its like makes mean more much non-  
militarized one other others public recommend resilient rest s safe  
safety seems so statements t than theme think west what

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Joseph Schilling inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

May 8, 2016, 10:14 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I generally agree with the language around health, but I think the Sustainability and sustainable community is the title and that health is part of that. Local officials seemed to have forgotten about the city's Eco City Charter that in many ways provides the broader umbrella for many of the items/topics listed in the council's current strategic plan.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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Yes, I like the first phrase/sentence. The second phrase again seems to mix a number of different themes so its a bit vague and weak. Be more specific about the architecture. Does our tree canopy make us unique, especially when it is below current goals of 40%. People scales environment seems like a passage from an urban design textbook.

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable community with a long term vision focused on quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion. The City government is accountable, transparent and efficient and is supported by quality staff.

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I do think the city is pretty well managed, but I wonder if this is really a strategic vision. If this is visionary then it would be something like keep up or enhance the city's effective management by.... What are the measures of a well managed city? Again, its nice to see the term sustainable community pop up in the description, so perhaps the very first statement should be to define a sustainable community, with cross reference to the Eco City Charter as the guiding principles, and then some of these other supporting themes in the strategic plan

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Good. Perhaps the best one yet. However, shouldn't the schools and public buildings also be sustainable, green, energy efficient, etc.

### **5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.**



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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Good. Though one of the three major tenants of sustainability is social equity and inclusion, so this again supports the idea that sustainability is in fact the overarching or cross cutting theme. Perhaps the strategic plan should be called a sustainable communities strategic plan, define and discuss sustainability, refer to the Eco city charter, and then have a series of 7-8 goals under this overarching theme of sustainability...makes more logical sense this way.

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

A core element of being a sustainable community is transportation alternatives .I like this one too but it further supports calling this plan a sustainable communities strategic plan.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Nice goal. But again this seems aspirational that we want to be a center of innovation. I think there are things in place that show great potential but we are not there yet.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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Re-title from Safe to Resilient or Safe and Resilient.

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Kyle Winslow inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

May 8, 2016, 10:13 PM

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Currently none of the eight themes focus specifically on preserving and improving the quality of Alexandria's natural environment. Instead, "sustainability" is scattered across multiple dissimilar themes. This approach would not provide the needed focus on various environmental issues in future City decision-making, would be a step backwards from the progress made to date under the Environmental Action Plan 2030, and would fail to live up to the principles set forth in Alexandria's Eco-City Charter.

As the City collects public comment on the draft Plan, there are two specific recommendations that can help ensure that these important issues receive the proper attention in the final Strategic Plan.

First, maintaining and improving the quality of the natural environment should be its own discrete theme in the Strategic Plan. In short, this issue is both sufficiently broad and important to require its own theme. A strong focus in the Strategic Plan on improving the natural environment will be essential for articulating actionable goals and objectives in later, more-detailed iterations of the Plan, and will place renewed emphasis on these issues for the City in keeping with Alexandria's Eco-City Charter.

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Second, the Strategic Plan should include specific, actionable, and forward-leaning objectives to guide City decisions related to improving the quality of the natural environment. A discrete theme focused on the natural environment would allow for a new layer of specificity in the Plan with respect to actionable goals, which should be grounded in the existing Environmental Action Plan. For example, potential goals the Plan might include:

- Reducing citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below 2005 levels by 2020;
- Implementing the Urban Forestry Master Plan, achieving 40% tree canopy coverage by 2020, and promoting tree planting on public and private properties, including during in planning, to produce a multi-aged and diverse tree community;
- Requiring all new buildings achieve LEED Gold standards by 2020, requiring 60% of all existing buildings achieve a 20% energy consumption reduction by 2020, and ensuring that all new construction, especially affordable housing, maximizes future potential for renewables and includes energy choice for buyers and renters;
- Increasing the electricity offset or generated by City government from clean and renewable energy sources to 25% of the City's energy portfolio by 2020;
- Increasing the citywide recycling rate to achieve a goal of at least 50% by 2020, and exceeding the goal of 35% diversion through increased waste reduction and reuse by 2020; and
- Retrofitting 70% of feasible City storm water facilities with best management practices by 2020, and exploring water reuse and green infrastructure options.

### 2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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No Response

### 3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

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Sustainability is mentioned here, but this is too narrow in its approach. Sustainability is about more than health, and should include meeting the City's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, air quality, the highest green buildings and net zero building standards, etc. Sustainability is such a significant theme that it should be added as a stand alone item.

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Alexandria should also be connected electronically at sufficient service speeds and quality to support local businesses, telework, and fast, affordable access to the Internet.

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Seth Heald inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

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Yes. Hard to argue with this, although it would be stronger if it mentioned climate change, which is likely to have major adverse health impacts in our city.

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Yes, although it's vague. I like the emphasis on public transportation. We have too many cars that are used too much. You could improve by mentioning bike transportation as another option.

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In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.  
&nbsp;

Read the draft vision theme statements below and provide your comments. Think about each statement from the perspective of what is best for the city as a whole.&nbsp;

1. In 2022, Alexandria is HEALTHY.

In 2022, Alexandria ensures equal and ready access to opportunities that promote mental and physical well-being and an active life. Alexandria is a clean, sustainable community with policies and educational opportunities that promote environmental quality and community wellness.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The last Strategic Plan included "Sustainability" along with Health. This draft explicitly excludes sustainability even while it incorporates elements in the description, which I believe is insufficient.

I have the following recommendations to the vision section of this draft Strategic Plan:

1. "Environmental sustainability" should be its own discrete theme in the Strategic Plan. This issue is both sufficiently broad and important to require its own theme. A strong focus in the Strategic Plan on protecting and improving our natural environment will be essential for articulating actionable goals and objectives in later, more-detailed iterations of the Plan, and will place renewed emphasis on these issues for the City in keeping with Alexandria's Eco-City Charter.

2. The Strategic Plan should include specific, actionable objectives to guide City decisions related to enhancing our City's environmental sustainability. A discrete theme focused on sustainability and protecting our natural environment would allow for a new layer of specificity in the Plan with respect to actionable goals, which should



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be grounded in the existing Environmental Action Plan. For example, potential goals the Plan might include:

Reducing citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below 2005 levels by 2020;

Achieving 40% tree canopy coverage by 2020, and promoting tree planting on public and private properties;

Requiring all new buildings achieve LEED Gold standards by 2020, requiring 60% of all existing buildings achieve a 20% energy consumption reduction by 2020, and ensuring that all new construction, especially affordable housing, maximizes future potential for renewables and includes energy choice for buyers and renters;

Increasing the electricity offset or generated by City government from clean and renewable energy sources to 25% of the City's energy portfolio by 2020;

Retrofitting 70% of feasible City storm water facilities with best management practices by 2020, and exploring water reuse and green infrastructure options.

### 2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

In 2022, Alexandria celebrates its history and respects and honors its diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

#### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Alexandria is "environmentally sustainable" could replace this vision statement. While I agree that we want the City to have a unique identity, it is unclear to me how you measure the success of this vision statement. What are the outcomes that the City could measure to assess success? On the other hand, there are clear metrics associated with measuring whether the City is environmentally sustainable. We have the Environmental Action Plan, the Energy and Climate Action Plan, Urban Forestry Master Plan, et al to help guide us and measure success.

### 3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I like the inclusion of "is a sustainable community".

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria ensures that basic needs are met. Childcare, education, and before and after school activities are accessible to all and of high quality. The City takes pride and responsibility for collaboration with and support of programs and schools.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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No Response

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The City's transportation policies advance the City's climate and environmental goals.

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7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Alexandria's economy grows in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way, which attracts businesses, delights residents, and saves taxpayers money.

Sustainability practices are integrated into the City's economic development and community planning.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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No Response

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James Hardaway inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

May 7, 2016, 10:22 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I don't know. A good theme. But way too nebulous. Does this mean educating the citizens on healthy practices, providing actual medical services, or what? What's the cost? City infrastructure is crumbling now due to neglect, so will this theme put us in the poorhouse?

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. This is good. Alexandria already has a unique identity, in the U.S. and internationally. This should be continued and promoted. Alexandria must remain distinguished in this regard and unique from ALL neighboring jurisdictions.

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. My first thought is what are the other options, poor management?  
Transparency is a documented problem in the city, and accountability is right of its heels. So this is a good one.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes.

### **5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. But again, this comes with a cost, and the city is already heavily indebted. These themes should be more than "feel-goods".

#### 6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Don't know. At first I thought this was an IT thing, as "Connected" is normally associated with the Internet and smart phones. But this theme seems to be transportation-oriented, other than the "real time information" bit. Recommend the verbiage be cleaned up.

#### 7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes..

#### 8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

In 2022, Alexandria allows residents and visitors to feel comfortable at all hours. If they require help, the response is timely, courteous and professional from a well-trained staff member. Public safety staff are visible as friendly, non-militarized members of the community. Infrastructure planning efforts consider the safety impact of development. Preventable problems are avoided and the City takes a regional view of planning for safety and emergency response and recovery.&nbsp;The City guards its electronic data, mitigates the threat of climate change, and seeks to provide a high level of customer service to all.&nbsp;

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. This is the #1 responsibility of City Hall, so I kind of question why it's even a theme, for 2022, no less. And the "non-militarized" phraseology is bizarre. What does that mean? Electronic data, climate change and customer service do not belong in this theme.

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Scott Barstow inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

May 7, 2016, 12:44 PM

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In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.  
In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.  
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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I agree with the statement, but the city's environmental performance needs to be its own theme. Using language like "promote environmental quality" and "sustainable community" makes me nervous; Alexandria will not be a clean, sustainable community until our greenhouse gas emissions have been eliminated, and until our combined sewer system and its outfalls have been mitigated. Saying "Alexandria is a clean, sustainable community" is misleading, and fails to adequately convey the scale of the changes needed.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Because of the connection between greenhouse gas emissions, global warming, and sea level rise, Alexandria is virtually ensuring that our unique history and identity will not last. Although sea level rise isn't expected to exceed 5-6 feet by the end of this century, the Greenland and Antarctica Ice Sheets will, of course, continue melting after 2100, adding several more feet of sea level rise.

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Environmental management and performance needs to be its own theme within the Strategic Plan. Alexandria will not be a "sustainable community", and will not be "well-managed" consistent with a "long-term vision focused on quality of life" unless we have a plan--and are taking actions--to dramatically reduce our community's greenhouse gas emissions. A truly long-term perspective acknowledges that a substantial fraction of the CO2 emitted into the atmosphere today will still be in the atmosphere, artificially warming the climate, thousands of years from now.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

In 2022, Alexandria ensures that basic needs are met. Childcare, education, and before and after school activities are accessible to all and of high quality. The City takes pride and responsibility for collaboration with and support of programs and schools.

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response



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5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In order to safeguard our city's economy, Alexandria should be helping prepare businesses and residents in the transition to a clean-energy economy. Businesses and communities that are unprepared for the changes coming over the next several years will suffer unnecessarily.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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I appreciate the reference to climate change in this section. Again, though, the environment and climate change-related issues should be addressed primarily in a separate theme.

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May 6, 2016, 6:50 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a HEALTHIER City

In 2022, Alexandria will ensure more equal and ready access... Alexandria will be a cleaner and healthier community with policies and educational opportunities that enhance environmental quality and communities wellness.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria promotes its unique historical identity more fully

In 2022, Alexandria continues to celebrate its history as it celebrates its new evolving destiny which respects and honors its new identity as a city of diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city continues to maintain a small town feel with distinctive architectural and aesthetically pleasing charm in the midst of well planned modern growth and development

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable community with a long term vision focused on quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion. The City government is accountable, transparent and efficient and is supported by quality staff.

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is wisely managed and fully transparent.

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable safe livable community with a long term vision focused on sustaining Alexandrian's quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion and engagement. The City government is accountable, transparent, and efficient as a result of being supported by quality staff tasked to meet reasonable standards of excellence.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria secures its future by ensuring children and youth are equipped to thrive.

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In 2022, Alexandria stakeholders ensure that fundamental educational and training needs are met to prepare children and youth for the future... Basic childcare, early learning education, and before as well as after school activities are ....

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria is a caring, fair, just, and equitable city that supports an affordable and livable community for all. The city is welcoming to people in all stages of life and provides high quality social services to vulnerable Alexandrians.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a more inclusive and engaged community - socially, economically and politically.

In 2022, Alexandria will become a model community that establishes a new standard of what an inclusive and engaged community looks like. Actions will speak louder than words and be a credit to the character and values of a caring community that welcomes people of all sorts and conditions.

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

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In 2022, Alexandria is more mobile and connected.

In 2022, Alexandria is regionally linked with safe easy to get around options regardless of resources or ability. The city invests in and supports a wide variety .... Public transportation service is second to none.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation with a thriving small business community. Mixed use development is oriented around transit hubs and activity centers. Alexandria's economy is diverse and resilient.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is economically vibrant and business friendly

In 2022, Alexandria is known as a business friendly destination and center of innovation with a growing

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business community. Mixed use development is oriented around fluid transit hubs and well planned business activity centers Alexandria's economy and work force development is diverse and resilient.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a safe livable city.

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May 6, 2016, 4:06 PM

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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What about access to fresh produce? There are parts of the city that only have grocery stores with extremely limited selections of fresh, whole foods (such as on Van Dorn Street. Without access to a car, residents in those areas will have a difficult time eating healthy. I suggest we specifically mention availability of healthy food choices, and then work with industry to make this happen.

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Agree.

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Thank you. This is important.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree. Thanks.

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Jessica Lassetter inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

May 5, 2016, 9:51 AM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I recommend that we add a 9th vision theme to the list - In 2022, Alexandria is Environmentally Sustainable. The City has spent a significant amount of resources on the Eco City initiative over the past 10 years and given all of the stresses on our natural environment as we increase population, adapt to climate change, and continue to be a world class city, we must include this 9th vision theme to capture the intent of the City and its citizenry. Under this theme we need to discuss access to clean drinking water (hello, Flint!), clean air (good by Mirant!), safe fishing spots, open space for recreation, stormwater issues, CSO issues, noise pollution, litter!, recycling, composting, flooding, tree canopy, wildlife, invasive species, pollinators, fresh food, community gardens, farmers markets, etc. There are so many things that the City is engaged in that must not be forgotten or neglected or scattered throughout the strategic plan. We must highlight environmental sustainability first and foremost. It needs to be its very own vision theme.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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No Response

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for all. The city is welcoming to people in all stages of life and provides high quality social services to vulnerable Alexandrians.&nbsp;

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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May 4, 2016, 11:59 PM

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No Response

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No Response

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May 3, 2016, 11:29 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I would like to see traffic and the movement of people around the city specifically addressed in this statement.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I think mentioning the tree canopy is out of place here and panders to someone's special interest. I want bike lanes that make the city feel unique. Can we add them? Someone else wants brick sidewalks. Someone else wants playgrounds. Mentioning tree canopies is out of place for a strategic statement.

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

This statement should include a sentence that says the city will develop policies that encourage citizens to use public transportation and non-motorized transportation. In 2016 we have acknowledged there is a major traffic problem in the city that needs to be addressed in the next several years. Otherwise we will have gridlock that limits our health, economy and uniqueness of Alexandria.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The word "small" should be removed from this statement. We need to have a thriving "business community". As much as we want small businesses, it's MARC Center, NSF, USPTO and one day the Victory Center that drive the big economy in Alexandria.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Non-militarized? I think posse commitatus takes care of that for us. Let's remove it as its out of place.

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May 3, 2016, 3:46 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. I like that it includes a broad definition of health, to include environmental quality.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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Yes

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. The term 'resident inclusion' sounds a bit clinical. Maybe community engagement or community input? Seems like it should be broader than residents so that businesses are included in that voice.

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. 'Basic needs' sounds like doing the minimum. While it is the appropriate commitment, it comes off a little cold for a strategic plan.

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. Great as is.

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6. In 2022, Alexandria is **MOBILE AND CONNECTED**.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Before reading the italicized text, I wasn't sure if this would be about transportation or internet connectivity. I think the short phrase is misleading and doesn't give the transportation angle the visibility it deserves.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. I like the emphasis on small business and smart growth.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is **SAFE**.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. This one is longer and seems more specific than the others. But I like that it includes a broad definition of safety, from data to climate change.



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May 2, 2016, 10:08 PM

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It would be nice to get more specific here i.e. maybe some language about both preventing & responding to illness? "Healthy" is great but what about caring for those who are not?

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Of all the statements this one feels least important to me. "Unique identity" feels vague and meaningless. It also doesn't feel at the level of the others. Not sure it needs to be here. Also would be very hard to measure.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. Love the focus on quality of life.

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I agree but would like to see a greater aspiration. Of all the statements this is the most critical. What about this: can we aspire that Alexandria is one of the best places in the US for children to grow up? And then define: what does that mean? The 'basic needs' language is a turnoff - it does not feel aspirational enough. To THRIVE, children need to be healthy, educated and protected/safe. While healthy and protected/safe are mentioned elsewhere, I feel they should also be mentioned here -- and we should not simply be 'meeting basic needs' but nurturing children for their optimal development. Yes to childcare, education and before/after school activities - but please add something about nurturing them and their development. Are we effectively protecting children from / responding to instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence against children? Etc.

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Yes

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May 2, 2016, 3:24 PM

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No Response

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Stephen Hellier inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

May 2, 2016, 2:29 PM

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No Response

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In 2022, Alexandria celebrates its history and respects and honors its diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable community with a long term vision focused on quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion. The City government is accountable, transparent and efficient and is supported by quality staff.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria ensures that basic needs are met. Childcare, education, and before and after school activities are accessible to all and of high quality. The City takes pride and responsibility for collaboration with and support of programs and schools.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria is a caring, fair, just, and equitable city that supports an affordable and livable community for all. The city is welcoming to people in all stages of life and provides high quality social services to vulnerable Alexandrians.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.



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In 2022, Alexandria is regionally linked, safe, and easy to get around regardless of resources or ability. The city supports a wide variety of connected transportation options that enable access to daily activities. Public transportation has reliable and frequent service, communicated through useful real time information.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation with a thriving small business community. Mixed use development is oriented around transit hubs and activity centers. Alexandria's economy is diverse and resilient.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Jobs and opportunity will make this area the place to live for years to come.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

## City Strategic Plan - Draft Theme Statements

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May 1, 2016, 10:16 AM

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In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.  
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In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.  
In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.  
In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.  
In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.  
&nbsp;

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1. In 2022, Alexandria is HEALTHY.

In 2022, Alexandria ensures equal and ready access to opportunities that promote mental and physical well-being and an active life. Alexandria is a clean, sustainable community with policies and educational opportunities that promote environmental quality and community wellness.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Maybe consider adding 'eco-friendly' into the vision theme.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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Consider adding 'fully leveraging mobile collaborative technology' (i.e. The wireless and Internet and social networking collaboration side of connectivity)

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.... while maintaining the small town feel

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

## City Strategic Plan - Draft Theme Statements

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Name not available (unclaimed)

April 30, 2016, 7:50 PM

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No Response

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

## City Strategic Plan - Draft Theme Statements

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Caroline English inside City of Alexandria (unverified)

April 29, 2016, 6:30 PM

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Yes.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes- same with summer options for children.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes.

## City Strategic Plan - Draft Theme Statements

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April 29, 2016, 8:57 AM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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No Response

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No Response

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

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No Response

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

## City Strategic Plan - Draft Theme Statements

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Name not shown inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 29, 2016, 3:05 AM

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In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.  
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Read the draft vision theme statements below and provide your comments. Think about each statement from the perspective of what is best for the city as a whole.&nbsp;

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes, this is a valid goal. I believe that Alexandria is one of the best communities in the region that promotes inclusiveness and active lifestyles. The recent promotion of biking and pedestrian safety have definitely helped that goal. My main concern is that Alexandria is limiting development which restricts its amenities to those who can afford to buy million-dollar townhouses. Surely there is space for multi-bedroom condos that families can live in and transit to connect the city?

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No basis to judge. The schools near me seem to be popular with families.

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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No Response

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes, although many stores on King street seem to have closed recently.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No response.



## City Strategic Plan - Draft Theme Statements

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Name not shown inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 28, 2016, 9:49 AM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Alexandria needs to improve bike infrastructure. The city need dedicated lanes to protect cyclists from vehicular traffic. These connections should help connect to the existing trails (Mt Vernon and Potomac).

As a runner and cyclist I've been put in dangers way on the streets of Alexandria b/c vehicles take priority.

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I think Old Town has a great, unique identity.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

My quality of life would improve if there was a better multi-use path system for residents to use for active transit throughout the city. It would also improve if the city provided additional green spaces for dog recreation. I am CONSTANTLY being chased off empty fields and open lawns b/c "its a place for children". The spots along the riverfront are great, but not lit enough that people congregate after dusk. In the winter it's nearly impossible to socialize your dog when working a 8-5 job.

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n/a

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The city is very expensive: food, parking, rent, retail.

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The bus system is great!

The trolley can be a joke for residents.

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I believe this to be mostly true.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I feel safe running alone at night as a female. I think the city does a good job creating this environment.

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April 28, 2016, 8:59 AM

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Agree.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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I don't think this should be a priority for the sitting council. We have too many other issues to get right first.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Why can't everyone (all ages) thrive? I'd prefer the notion of Education, not children and youth. Besides, there is so much more that goes into children thriving.

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Agree.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree. (Though perhaps you want to rethink the idea of Mobile and Connected -- as a younger resident, my first thought was 'the City shouldn't be in the cell phone biz!') This idea is about Transportation.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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I think one of govt's main roles is to insure economic sustainability and development of its City -- I'm surprised this isn't listed at the top of these 8 ideas.

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April 28, 2016, 12:18 AM

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No Response

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April 27, 2016, 11:02 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

My mental and physical wellbeing should not be the City's responsibility. The school board should not be an election and should have term limits. The schools need to improve before the city can be successful and not just for the white kids

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with all the building in the city it will read " the city once was"

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I do not think the city is well managed. It seems like the city manager is the one who has the say in the city. And the school board sucks

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

THE schools have been neglected and are now over crowded and falling apart. Do you think this just happened over night? No , many of the counsel members have been in office for years and have ignored the schools. The city should not provide daycare for free to anyone. Parents need to be responsible for their children and not tax money

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Just look at the schools and you will see that the schools do not provide the same quality of classes to those who are ESL and on the west end and only provides best education for the minority- whites

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Metro is not safe and i do not have any access where i live to a bus.

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Look at king street and all the empty stores.

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The city is only concerned about getting revenue, not interested in the west end and does not like the neighborhoods unless your delay and ot. listen to all the neighborhoods

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No Response

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Susan Gitlin inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 27, 2016, 10:41 AM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Generally, yes, I agree with this. However, I would recommend the following changes:

1. Remove the word "clean." While of course we want a city that is not covered in trash, the word suggests that we want a "sterile" environment and overshadows the very important concepts that follow it.
2. Clarify or remove the word "sustainable," as its meaning is not clear in this context.
3. Consider condensing the entire statement into one sentence by removing the period after "life" and deleting "Alexandria is a clean, sustainable community".
4. Ensure that we not only have policies and educational opportunities to support health, but facilities, as well. How about "policies, educational opportunities, and facilities that promote..."
5. Add language regarding protecting and enjoying our natural heritage (e.g., our waterfront, waterways,



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woods, birds, pollinators, and other natural resources).

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#### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes, I agree with the idea, but I think the phrasing needs some work.

-- I recommend deleting the reference to a "small town feel." Alexandria, in my 18 years here, has never really had a small town feel. I don't think that's achievable with all the growth and the constant change in population. Some parts of the city have unique architecture and vibrancy, but so much of it does not. I applaud the desire for place-making, but I think it's unrealistic to attempt to create a small town feel everywhere, and I think that ignores the fact that so many people do not live in the parts of Alexandria that are shown on postcards.

-- "aesthetically beautiful" is really in the eye of the beholder and therefore has little meaning. I recommend deleting it.

-- "people-scaled built environment" is a good goal, but is awkward in this sentence.

-- I would recommend adding something about arts and culture

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Of course I agree with the sentiment, but find it essential that fiscal responsibility of Council and staff be included.

I recommend deleting "reflective of residential inclusion," as it is an awkward statement and the concept is

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covered by the word "accountable."

I would also like to see more focus on the quality of life of people who are interested in aging in place (this includes pre- and post-retirement). I would recommend increased emphasis on single people and couples without children.

Also, in this sentence, what does "sustainable" refer to?

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I agree, but would ask that the phrase "Alexandria is mobile and connected" be more explicit that it is referring to transportation (as opposed to communication) services.

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Please remove the term "non-militarized." Its purpose in the sentence is unclear, but it sure makes one stop and ponder what the heck is meant.

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Alexandria makes an effort to acknowledge inquiries and respond timely to concerns and suggestions and provides guidance and assistance in dealing with utilities and other government entities to resolve concerns outside of its immediate jurisdiction

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Steve Hales inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

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Private property laws need to be respected by the City. There is way too much regulation that is not allowed by Virginia law, but occurs anyway. Neighbors have too much say on what property owners can do with their own property. The City set neighbor against neighbor because of too much voice given to parties that should not have a voice.

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria is a caring, fair, just, and equitable city that supports an affordable and livable community for all. The city is welcoming to people in all stages of life and provides high quality social services to vulnerable Alexandrians.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The City claims to want affordable housing, but nearly always raises taxes on homeowners, which is a direct tax



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on tenants, since landlords pass this increase on. Why we continue to raise the tax rate is really unclear to me, especially since the only new places being built in the City are very expensive places, that should more than pay for themselves.

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

In 2022, Alexandria is regionally linked, safe, and easy to get around regardless of resources or ability. The city supports a wide variety of connected transportation options that enable access to daily activities. Public transportation has reliable and frequent service, communicated through useful real time information.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

MUST BUILD EISENHOWER CONNECTOR THROUGH TO DUKE STREET. Duke street is a mess to drive on nearly all day long. There needs to be another road that connects to the Beltway, and if Eisenhower corridor is ever to be developed properly, there need to be more access points.

Time to end the Comcast monopoly.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation with a thriving small business community. Mixed use development is oriented around transit hubs and activity centers. Alexandria's economy is diverse and resilient.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Reduce regulations on businesses. Alexandria has the worst reputation in the DC area for small businesses. I know of companies who refuse to service Alexandria, because of the difficulty in dealing with the City.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

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April 26, 2016, 3:39 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

It does have a unique identity but in planning and building we should not be duplicating the historic buildings that are authentic, rather design buildings of our time that are good architecture and do not seek to be something they can never be. This is not a museum and we need to get away from that thinking.

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

True to some extent. The city departments and City Council invite SO MUCH public participation that duplicates input on many issues - thus providing multiple opportunities of the nay-says to nay-say over and over. The City Council ends up making decisions based on a volume that is artificially high sometimes. Instead they should be making decisions base don what is best for THE WHOLE and FOR THE FUTURE.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. But again, there are pockets - like Old Town - that keep saying they don't want children activities, play areas, etc, yet they would take more dog parks in second.

### **5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Sometimes. But take Ramsey Homes - the area nearby does not support that idea. I hear a lot of "Yes that's a good idea but put that (whatever - affordable housing, child care center, field, lights...) in someone else's neighborhood. We have work to do on this one.

### **6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes, except for parking in Old Town which could use a "real time" parking garage spot locator system - and probably some free garage parking on nights and weekends. .

### **7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

We are trying to get there but we need more commercial - especially around the Metro Stations. Its tough to crack that nut right now. Eisenhower is doing ok, so is King Street. But Braddock and Van Dorn need help. It can;t be just apartments and condos. The neighborhood-serving retail can't survive on that.

### **8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

yes.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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April 26, 2016, 12:41 PM

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No Response

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

NO. Need something specific on education.

EVERY CHILD WILL BE ACADEMICALLY SUCCESSFULL AND CAREER READY (GOAL 2 of Children Youth Master Plan) Children Youth Family Collaborative Commission)

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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Matthew Stensrud inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 26, 2016, 11:10 AM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes, I agree. I also think that promoting opportunities for quality and wellness for all citizens might be a nice addition - as Alexandria has many opportunities, such as health testing for LGBT people, that reaches parts of the community not often addressed.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I agree that Alexandria has a unique identity but notice that the 'complementary and varied architecture' is specific to architecture but not toward cultural aesthetic or art. I think the inclusion of public art would help increase this unique identity further than just architecture.

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agreed.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agreed.

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Agreed but wonder if 'all stages of life' is too specific to simply different ages rather than different ethnicity, background, education, gender, sexual orientation, etc.

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Agreed.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agreed. I do wonder why it simply is economically vibrant, though, instead of both economically and culturally vibrant - with cultural events, performances, concerts, festivals, fairs, street shows, etc - that help form the vibrancy of Alexandria. This is not included anywhere and is an essential part of our identity as Alexandrians.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agreed but seems over-detailed compared to the other statements. Non-militarized seems obvious and unnecessary. 'guards electronic data' seems unnecessary too when compared to health of citizens, inclusion of all, etc.

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April 26, 2016, 10:42 AM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

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No Response

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No Response

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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No Response

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response



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April 26, 2016, 9:06 AM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes - but it could be better with better facilities for walking and biking.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The City Manager and City Council often cave to the loudest residents who have made themselves known instead of moving forward with adopted plans and policies.

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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Need better schools

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Not really - Alexandria caters to the loudest residents and often considers the squeaky wheels over the disadvantaged or those who would actually benefit from decisions being considered.

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Need more bike lanes, more capital bikeshare stations and better last mile connections to transit.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes

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April 25, 2016, 9:12 PM

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In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.  
In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.  
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In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.  
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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree, but the current Mayor's policies are likely to produce insufficient revenue to realize this vision, and excessively opaque management that will inhibit this pursuit.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

In 2022, Alexandria celebrates its history and respects and honors its diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree, but the current Mayor's unilateral control over all City Council actions are aimed in a contrary direction.

3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable community with a long term vision focused on quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion. The City government is accountable, transparent and efficient and is supported by quality staff.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I wish. Unfortunately, the current Mayor's political practices make for complete opacity, lousy management, and false assertions of ethical misconduct. The Mayor's ethics initiative is damaging to the entire City.

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria ensures that basic needs are met. Childcare, education, and before and after school activities are accessible to all and of high quality. The City takes pride and responsibility for collaboration with and support of programs and schools.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree, but the current Mayor's policies are likely to produce insufficient revenue to realize this vision, and excessively opaque management that will inhibit this pursuit.

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria is a caring, fair, just, and equitable city that supports an affordable and livable community for all. The city is welcoming to people in all stages of life and provides high quality social services to vulnerable Alexandrians.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree, but the current Mayor's policies are likely to produce insufficient revenue to realize the financial aspects

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of this vision, and excessively opaque management that will inhibit this pursuit.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I wish. The current Mayor is completely subservient to ComCast, and ComCast is damaging to the entire City.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation with a thriving small business community. Mixed use development is oriented around transit hubs and activity centers. Alexandria's economy is diverse and resilient.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

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April 25, 2016, 6:59 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I think this captures the definition of healthy. The only add on I have is that it is inclusive of all ages and economies within our community.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

In 2022, Alexandria celebrates its history and respects and honors its diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Indeed! Keeping our charm while ensuring we incorporate improvements that keep us connected and moving forward are key.

3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agreed!

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I think this is an important theme. I would add that more input from teachers -- especially in schools with predominantly disadvantaged youth -- are given more autonomy (or more voice) in their teaching is important.

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Wonderful! I think something that would help would be a community adoption program (both at the individual



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and local business level) of our local shelters to help residents with a variety of life and professional skills.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I think Alexandria has done a great job at keeping the community connected. Continuing that progress will only improve our community.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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Agreed!

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

An important them always! With what seems to be an uptick in crime, this is important to address now to help keep our community safe into the future.

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Patrick Moran inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 25, 2016, 6:35 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I agree, but I believe the statement would benefit by emphasizing the beauty and accessibility of our public parks and the Potomac River and her tributaries.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I agree, but rather than saying that it "has a small town feel amid growth," I would say, "The City is a welcoming destination for visitors that encourages them to experience our renowned small town intimacy, built upon strong, collaborative neighborhoods foster prosperity, creativity, and life-long learning. Residents and visitors alike enjoy complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an open and accessible waterfront."

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable community with a long term vision focused on quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion. The City government is accountable, transparent and efficient and is supported by quality staff.

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a financially and environmentally sustainable community that invests in the future and facilitates the highest quality of life for all of its residents. The city and its exceptional staff utilize innovative technologies that ensure transparency, resident inclusion, accountability, and efficiency in decision-making.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

In 2022, Alexandria ensures that basic needs are met. Childcare, education, and before and after school activities are accessible to all and of high quality. The City takes pride and responsibility for collaboration with and support of programs and schools.

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria public schools out-perform neighboring communities by offering diverse options, in-school and out-of-school, that excite participants and nurture development of minds and bodies in and out of school.

### **5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.**

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a beacon of information sharing and accessibility, facilitated the innovation application of technologies and by a variety of interconnected public and private transportation options that are inviting to all of our residents and visitors.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation with a thriving small business community. Mixed use development is oriented around transit hubs and activity centers. Alexandria's economy is diverse and resilient.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation. Alexandria's economy is diverse, resilient, and boasts of a thriving small business community. Meanwhile, mixed-use development fosters collaboration and creativity among residents and visitors and is orientated around transit hubs and activity centers for accessibility and improved quality of life.

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Where is explicit mention of medical care or facilities for aging in place? That is probably the most important need to support a healthy community.

Need to define sustainable as environmentally sustainable, to avoid confusion with financial sustainability below.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No. Alexandria is not a "small town" and to describe it as such is incorrect and ambiguous. A lot of small town people harbor narrow minds (or worse) and I presume that's not what we're after here. So rather than use a colloquialism, let's get at what we're after--a close-knit community?

Where's any mention of the Waterfront, which was front and center in previous strategic plan? That's what makes the city unique in the region.

Did the rest of this come from the new Mayor's election propaganda?

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Need to describe as \*financially\* sustainable, to avoid confusion with environmental sustainability above.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

What about parks and recreation, or other services aimed at youth and families that go beyond schooling and aftercare? A lot seems left out here.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Ok.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The title of this one does not reflect the goals. It reads like it's going to be about communication, but is really about transportation. Try instead "Alexandria supports mobility".

By the way, if there are goals to improve communications connectivity, such a vice mayor's broadband initiative, it should be reflected here.

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Very good. Should it list our economic areas of focus (eg, government sector)?

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Too much stuff. Should be broken into separate areas. Is the "non-militarized" part really needed? Isn't that how the public safety departments are already?

The part about high customer service seems tacked on. Maybe include another category about Alexandria is effective, and describe how the city government will be effective in fulfilling its objectives.



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Arlene Hewitt inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 25, 2016, 6:03 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I would add dental after mental.

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okay

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okay

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

All the latest surveys, studies ratings and reports about the Alexandria school system are on the low end and very poor. They do not meet high quality standards.

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I object to the word ALL in the first sentence because they do not provide it for ALL!

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

It is not easy to get around during traffic hours with the pouring through of Fairfax residents who cut through our city to get to D.C. and then return through our city to get home.

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Since I have no knowledge of exactly what is done in this category I cannot affirm that this is true.

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I need clarification. Are these statements our hopes/wishes/goals for 2022? In six years things might have changed drastically because of happenings beyond our control. Example #2 - I can say that our city does not have the same 'small town feel' it had in 1972 when I moved here. I strongly predict that it will have even less of a 'small town feel' in 2022.

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No Response

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No Response

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April 25, 2016, 3:59 PM

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In 2022, Alexandria is HEALTHY.  
In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.  
In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.  
In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.  
In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.  
In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.  
In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.  
In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.  
&nbsp;

Read the draft vision theme statements below and provide your comments. Think about each statement from the perspective of what is best for the city as a whole.&nbsp;

1. In 2022, Alexandria is HEALTHY.

In 2022, Alexandria ensures equal and ready access to opportunities that promote mental and physical well-being and an active life. Alexandria is a clean, sustainable community with policies and educational opportunities that promote environmental quality and community wellness.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

In 2022, Alexandria celebrates its history and respects and honors its diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable community with a long term vision focused on quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion. The City government is accountable, transparent and efficient and is supported by quality staff.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria ensures that basic needs are met. Childcare, education, and before and after school activities are accessible to all and of high quality. The City takes pride and responsibility for collaboration with and support of programs and schools.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

In 2022, Alexandria is a caring, fair, just, and equitable city that supports an affordable and livable community for all. The city is welcoming to people in all stages of life and provides high quality social services to vulnerable Alexandrians.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.



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In 2022, Alexandria is regionally linked, safe, and easy to get around regardless of resources or ability. The city supports a wide variety of connected transportation options that enable access to daily activities. Public transportation has reliable and frequent service, communicated through useful real time information.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation with a thriving small business community. Mixed use development is oriented around transit hubs and activity centers. Alexandria's economy is diverse and resilient.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Alexandria's economy is diverse, resilient (add) and competitive, particularly in regard to new technology and trends. (In other words, please end the cable monopoly; and please find ways to include non-store front businesses.)

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

In 2022, Alexandria allows residents and visitors to feel comfortable at all hours. If they require help, the response is timely, courteous and professional from a well-trained staff member. Public safety staff are visible as friendly, non-militarized members of the community. Infrastructure planning efforts consider the safety impact of development. Preventable problems are avoided and the City takes a regional view of planning for safety and emergency response and recovery.&nbsp;The City guards its electronic data, mitigates the threat of climate change, and seeks to provide a high level of customer service to all.&nbsp;

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The statement itself is fine but people define "active life" differently. That needs to be considered.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

In 2022, Alexandria celebrates its history and respects and honors its diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

"Complementary " and "aesthetically beautiful" are in the eye of the beholder. And define "small town feel." I grew up in a small town, population less than 4000 people. It was terrible; no jobs, bad schools, crumbling infrastructure, provincial mindsets, etc. so why would anyone want to "feel" that? In addition, Alexandria is a CITY, not a town, and our population is well over 100,000 people, so let's stop trying to be Mayberry RFD.

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a sustainable community with a long term vision focused on quality of life. Major decisions go to City Council and are reflective of resident inclusion. The City government is accountable, transparent and efficient and is supported by quality staff.

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

"Reflective of resident inclusion..." that is called voting in elections. Our election results reflect resident inclusion, so stop complaining every time you don't get your way. The phrase "reflective of citizen inclusion" could mean citizens get to send in comments or voice their opinions at meetings, but it will never mean that everyone is going to be happy with the outcome.

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

In 2022, Alexandria ensures that basic needs are met. Childcare, education, and before and after school activities are accessible to all and of high quality. The City takes pride and responsibility for collaboration with and support of programs and schools.

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Fine

### **5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a caring, fair, just, and equitable city that supports an affordable and livable community for all. The city is welcoming to people in all stages of life and provides high quality social services to vulnerable Alexandrians.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

There isn't enough room for any place, let alone Alexandria, to be "affordable and livable for all." Only a select few will get to live here. That is a geographical fact, not a political statement, unless we want to build enough tall apartment buildings for the world's entire population. A city cannot be "caring" or "fair, just and equitable." Only people can demonstrate those qualities. This "vision statement" is a great example of pie in the sky ludicrousness. A more realistic vision statement would be "In 2022, Alexandria city government officials and employees will be welcoming to all who live here and will provide high quality social services to those who need and seek such services, and our courts, police and city employees will treat all residents as equal in the eyes of the law."

### **6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.**

In 2022, Alexandria is regionally linked, safe, and easy to get around regardless of resources or ability. The city supports a wide variety of connected transportation options that enable access to daily activities. Public transportation has reliable and frequent service, communicated through useful real time information.&nbsp;

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

"Public transportation has reliable and frequent service" ...so how is Alexandria going to fix WMATA and all of the DC area metro and ease traffic congestion? "Easy to get around regardless of resources..." - does that mean free metro and buses for the very poor? I don't think you meant that.

### **7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.**

In 2022, Alexandria is a business destination and center of innovation with a thriving small business community. Mixed use development is oriented around transit hubs and activity centers. Alexandria's economy is diverse and resilient.&nbsp;

### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I hope this one comes true.

### **8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

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What is meant by "non-militarized?" The rest of this statement is fine but I never thought we were militarized so why is this a concern?

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April 25, 2016, 3:41 PM

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Unless and until the City does something to keep cats from roaming and leaving parasitic waste in garden soil and children's sand boxes we will not be a truly healthy city. Parasites that exists in cats allowed to roam outside can last up to 18 months in the soil. Are we more concerned with pet owners and their "right" to allow their pets to leave waste on private property or are we more concerned about human beings? Whose health are you protecting?

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

In 2022, Alexandria celebrates its history and respects and honors its diverse communities and neighborhoods. The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I submitted a complaint and recommendation that the City adopt cat laws that are the same as dog laws to prevent roaming in September of 2014. Now, 20 months later, I am still waiting to hear from the City Manager about what the City plans to do. So - NO - I do not believe the city is well managed if it takes this long for such a simple undertaking.

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Since the City Manager thinks cats are more important than children I cannot agree with this statement.

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

This is a joke. The City has so few affordable housing options that I find it hard to believe they can make a statement like this with a straight face.

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

8. In 2022, Alexandria is SAFE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response



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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree, but can we include "green & Renewable" which is not the same as "sustainable." Any chance we can address the noise pollution issue here? (The noise vibrations of the freight trains barrelling through beyond the speed limit shakes (daily) my 2600 sf, 2-story house, ~1/4 mile from the tracks). Maybe wording is: "By 2022, Alexandria is a city that seeks to reduce mechanical noise pollution for a quieter, more thoughtful living experience." experience.

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No Response

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No Response

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Somehow you missed the "broadband" feedback from the group. Suggest adding "Alexandria is a fiber-to-the premise" city, with everyone in the community having access to future proof, high capacity residential and business bandwidth and no digital divide.

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No Response

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Yes. Can we add something about CSX train traffic? By 2022, I hope we can redirect the CSX traffic away from our highly populated residential areas. I would add, "By 2022, the City no longer is traversed by trains carrying hazardous waste."

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Not crazy about "people-scaled built environment" phrase. Awkward flow and unclear meaning. I'd rather have "The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, vibrant arts and cultural experiences, and a vigorous small business presence." (Side note: I love our trees, but if you want to keep the list to three items, "a lush tree canopy" seems like the least relevant to our unique identity.)

### **3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I'd like something about fiscal responsibility in there. Maybe, "...sustainable community with a long-term, fiscally responsible vision focused on quality of life."

### **4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.**

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

I wouldn't necessarily be able to identify the theme if it wasn't listed above. Recommend small changes for clarity: "Alexandria ensures that children's basic needs are met... support of youth programs and schools." I'm also not sure how the city will provide childcare to all. If that's not what is intended, recommend rephrasing that sentence.

### **5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.**

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Alexandrians.&nbsp;

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree, but I really hope that there will be major emphasis on the affordability factor. The cost of living / housing in Alexandria is exorbitant.

6. In 2022, Alexandria is MOBILE AND CONNECTED.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Needs to address high speed internet.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

This one sounds like it comes from a different document because it has so much more detail. Recommend cutting quite a bit to make it fit in better with the rest. Recommend "In 2022, Alexandria residents and visitors feel secure and comfortable at all hours. Public safety staff are well-trained and seen as members of the community. The city takes a proactive, regional view of planning for public safety, cyber security and emergency response and recovery."

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April 25, 2016, 11:16 AM

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Agree

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree but don't think this quite gets to the expanse of the diversity--more stress on diversity of people, thought, and history.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Totally agree.

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Agree--again, as in #2 above--needs some expansion



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**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The extra length of this makes it seem either we are not presently safe or overly worried that others will feel we are not a safe city. Needs to be included but shortened.

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Jack Sullivan inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 20, 2016, 8:40 AM

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Outfall #001 of our combined sewer system in Old Town will continue to spew raw sewage past our waterfront until the year 2048, re current plans, unless something is done.

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That unique identity is being challenged everyday by over-development,

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While much of our City government is well managed, Parks and Recreation seems to be a kingdom unto itself, regularly manipulating city processes to get what it -- rather than citizens -- want.

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More attention must be given to having good teacher in the classroom rather than spending money on new schools.,

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The City does well here, but a major theme in addition MUST BE: "Protection of Neighborhoods. That is the

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only way we keep that livable community. In this format add: Alexandria protects its neighborhoods.

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We need to find a way to make public transit less dependent on public subsidy.

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Too often the City attempts economic development on the backs of its citizens:  
e.g. the Waterfront, the Beauregard Corridor.

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Crime seems on the upswing esp in the West End.

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ADD: situated on a vibrant, unique part of the Potomac River.

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Agree.

[Hope this actually happens.]

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[Hope the truly locally owned small businesses ARE still thriving.]

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I think "equal" needs elaboration. Equal in rights and opportunities. Equal pay, equal career opportunities and growth. I think this could be categorized as mental, but not very apparent.

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I think respect and honoring diverse communities is good, but it should go beyond that to preserving those communities!

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Major decisions should be communicated with residents and business owners on the onset of those decisions before it goes to council for a final decisions. At that point, resident inclusion is too late.

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I don't understand what this goal means? The city is going to pay for childcare?

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"regardless of gender"

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What about maintenance for those traveling via car? Something about safe roads.

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No, active transportation is difficult/unsafe in some areas.

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No, boards and committees are often overruled by the council

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Would love to see us make a bold statement about ACPS being one of the region's best school systems--well run, best teachers, modern/equipped facilities, high learning results, diversity of learning options, etc.

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This vision statement seems to focus on transportation but maybe it should also include personal connectedness via mobile and online means?

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yes, although it seems more detailed than the other statements.

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promote environmental quality, environmental awareness and community wellness

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

Part of Alexandria's unique identity is its niche within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This should be reflected in the city's aesthetics--with heavy use of native plants in all city landscaping, and especially along the waterfront. We should not use the generic landscaping plants found everywhere.

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### **Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

The city government is accountable, transparent, efficient and RESPONSIVE and is supported by quality staff.

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Children should have access to outdoor green space.

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What about free wifi in city venues? That would assure equitable connection to the internet for all.

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Amen to that! Alexandria's small business community is part of what makes it unique. (Just say no to Big Box stores.)

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Do you mean that Alexandria mitigates the "threat" of climate change or the "adverse effects" of climate change? We should be doing both.

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Peter Pennington inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

April 19, 2016, 3:48 PM

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&nbsp;

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I see many statements and aspirations that I have seen before, both in Alexandria and elsewhere. They are good but I would like to go up a notch.

If a city is to be deemed civilised then it must put the care of its most vulnerable citizens to the fore. We know there are homeless, we know there are children abused or partners in relationships suffering continual abuse. There are those with addiction issues and those terrified by bullying or threats from gangs. Sudden emergencies can put people into an unexpected crisis of homelessness or health. If Alexandria is to be a civilised community then it must prioritise the needs of the weakest.

2. In 2022, Alexandria has a UNIQUE IDENTITY.

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The city has a small town feel amid growth, with complementary and varied architecture, a lush tree canopy, and an aesthetically beautiful and people-scaled built environment.

**Do you agree with this statement? Please add anything that you feel is missing.**

No Response

3. In 2022, Alexandria is WELL-MANAGED.

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No Response

4. In 2022, Alexandria's CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE.

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No Response

5. In 2022, Alexandria is INCLUSIVE.

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No Response

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No Response

7. In 2022, Alexandria is ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT.

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Name not shown inside City of Alexandria (on forum)

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agree... all city neighborhoods must also have access to reliable, competitive and (true) high-speed telecommunications services/utilities that are free of monopolies.

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